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Plea to keep Dorset a fracking free zone

A COALITION of groups and individuals is pledging to fight an application to extract oil and gas by the controversial "fracking" technique in Dorset.

Large blocks of the county, including areas around Dorchester, Weymouth and Wareham, have already been allocated for exploration to oil companies.

The technique has been blamed for an earthquake at Preese Hall Farm near Blackpool which led the Government to ban the method for a time. That ban has now been lifted with the chancellor actively promoting fracking by offering tax breaks for exploration in his

spring budget.

Fracking involves pumping a water, mud and chemical mix into underground reserves of oil trapped in shale at extreme pressure to free the precious liquid.

In America, where the technique is widespread, it has been blamed for pollution of water sources and subsidence.

There are examples quoted of gas entering water supplies with YouTube films of people burning the gas said to be coming out of their taps. But those in favour of fracking claim the technique, if properly regulated, is safe and offers real hope of increasing our supplies of oil.

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Opponents at a Dorchester meeting heard that the around half of the county's water supplies comes from underground reserves, known as aquifers, which could be put at risk by fracking.

The meeting, attended by about 70 people, heard that licences for South and East Dorset had already been given by the Department of Energy and Climate

Change.

Some believe the area could be a prime target for exploration – given the history of oil in the area and many historic references to areas of the county having oil-bearing rocks and shales. One example being that of an area known as Burning

Cliff near Hol-

worth where fires are reported to have burnt in years gone by on the oil-bearing cliff.

One of the founding members of the anti-fracking group, Jeanie Averill, told the meeting: "There is a real urgency to this now and a real possibility that it could happen here."

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■ PHOEBE Allan (6) and Thea Childs (7) search among the daffodils for chocolate treats at the Borough Gardens easter egg hunt in Dorchester.
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HISTORY enthusiast Chris Lovejoy first moved to Lyme Regis in 1997 and has lived between the seaside resort and Axminster in East Devon ever since.

Originally from Newbury, Chris grew up in Kent and London before travelling overseas and spending seven years in an Ashram in Pune, India.

After varying careers, from lawyer to furniture restorer, he now runs history tours of Lyme Regis and this summer is taking on the town's popular ghost tours.

Chris lives with wife Judy and their two cats.

● **WHAT did you do before running the Lyme Regis History Walks?**

have had many jobs in my life – lawyer, prison probation officer, therapist, creative arts administrator, furniture restorer, ESL teacher, to name just a few. I used to think it was a defect of my character that I always wanted to do different things rather than sticking with one career, but now I'm grateful for all the knowledge and experience I've gained over the years.

● **WHY did you start up the history walks?**

One day, walking along Sherborne Lane, I had a sudden overwhelming impression of hearing the tramping of heavy boots and deep guttural voices. Although over in a split second, this strange "vision" inspired me to look deeper into town history and I later discovered that this area was one of the front lines of combat during the Siege of Lyme in the Civil War.

The more I read the more I was amazed at the richness and variety of Lyme's past and realised that, while its literary heritage and paleontology was well represented by others, no one, at that time, was presenting the broader history of the town to our visitors. So I started Lyme History Walks. This will be our third season.

● **TELL us a little about the walks...**

The walks take place on Mondays and Saturdays at 11am from March to September, last an hour and a half and are suitable to anyone with average walking ability. Visitors can now pre-book a walk through the museum. From a humble medieval settlement of monks to a great Elizabethan port, through its subsequent decline and 18th century resurrection as a fashionable resort up to the present day, we meet many of the remarkable men and women who played their part in Lyme's



evolving story. I tell tales from their lives, recount key events, introducing smugglers and buccaneers, artists, rebels, scientists and philanthropists, the humble and the fashionable who all left their mark on the town.

● **WHAT'S your favourite Lyme Regis historical link or story?**

I love to talk about Thomas Coram and the Foundling Hospital, and tell the story of Lassie, the Pilot Boat dog

who saved the life of a sailor. Henry Fielding's attempted abduction of a local lass is also a great story.

● **WHY did you decide to take on the ghost walks this summer?**

I decided to take on the Ghost Walks as an exciting challenge. Despite the great training and support he has given me, I know Carl Salter will be a hard act to follow.

● **WHAT can those taking part expect from the Ghost Walks?**

The Ghost Walks are above all good entertainment for all the family. Participants can expect a blend of local folklore, scary (but not too scary!) stories, spooky jokes, sound effects and slapstick. They will start in May, every Tuesday and Thursday from 7.30pm for an hour throughout the season from the museum or other named venue.

● **WHAT are your other personal interests?**

Meditation is my greatest joy. I can't imagine my life without it. I play the piano and keyboard and enjoy all kinds of music alone. I also love being around most kinds of animals.

● **WHAT do you like about living in this area?**

I love the warm, easygoing nature of the local people and the soft blend of rural and ocean landscape, so good for walking.

● **WHAT would you add to or change about the area if you could?**

I would revive the old Axminster to Lyme Regis branch line, closed in 1965. I believe this could solve a lot of our traffic problems.

● **WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?**

I would start a foundation for teaching meditation in prisons and open an animal rescue centre.

● **WHICH three people would you invite to a dream dinner party?**

I would invite three of my favourite comedians/comic actors - Lenny Henry, Sandy Toksvig and Giles Branthwaite.

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Worries council offices will not sell

SURVEYORS have been looking over some of West Dorset District Council's empty former council offices.

A tight-lipped group of four were seen looking over the former pathology laboratory building in Glyde Path Road last week. They declined to answer who they represented.

Meanwhile the district council has been sprucing up the buildings it owns in High West Street as removal men continue the task of emptying the building.

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Fresh paint has been applied to the ground floor windows to improve the appearance.

The council has still not found a buyer for the High West Street offices and associated buildings and car parks in nearby streets – three months after staff moved out to their new home in South Walks House.

The sale of the building was crucial to make the financial argument for a move and local people fear that the longer the building remains empty the less money the council is likely to get for it.

Despite the move the car park to the rear of the building remains open for staff parking, although on most days remains empty.

The council is undertaking a second marketing exercise for the building which failed to attract bids of even half the originally estimated £3million.

Opponents of the district council's move to new offices in Charles Street fear the site may become run-down if a suitable buyer cannot be found.

The Bristol-based company, GVA, which has been marketing the offices and outlying buildings since May last year has said from the outset that they were confident of finding a buyer, or buyers if the site is sub-divided.

Their sales brochure offered around 4,600 square metres of office space over a 1.6 acre site, together with around 85 car parking spaces.

The site includes the former county pathology laboratory, Glyde Path House; the cottages at 36-41 Colliton Street, which were used as offices; 17 and 17a Colliton Street and Old School House. Also for sale is the Bennets Court car park in Colliton Street.

Energy ratings for all of the building are at the low end of the official categories with Category D at best and Category G for the worst of the buildings.

"The campus would suit a variety of uses which may include offices, leisure, retail and residential, to be achieved through sympathetic conversion and redevelopment of the existing buildings," said the sales brochure.



■ CREWS from all over the area fought the blaze

Thatched roof fire

UP TO 50 firefighters fought a thatched roof fire at Littlebredy on Easter Sunday.

Dorset Fire and Rescue were called to the scene at about 4.15pm – with two machines each from Dorchester, Bridport and Weymouth – with crews also from Maiden Newton, Beaminster, Charmouth and Bere Regis.

The blaze affected the roof of two semi-detached properties and is believed to have started in the chimney.

The fire was under control by shortly after 6pm with crews staying on the scene during the evening.



Premier weekend for new hotel

■ DORCHESTER'S new Premier Inn, costing just under £4million, has been officially opened creating 30 new jobs.

Parent company, Whitbread PLC claim the property will contribute more than £7.7 million to the local economy.

The new 76-bedroom hotel at the Brewery Square development also features an onsite restaurant.

Each bedroom can cater for up to two adults and two children (aged 15 and under) and includes an en-suite bathroom; a king size bed; remote control TV



with Freeview; tea/coffee making facilities, and a desk area with WiFi access.

During the Easter weekend the

new hotel was almost completely full with bookings said to be running at a higher level than expected for the weeks ahead.

Campaigners fight fracking in Dorset



■ JEANIE Averill speaking to the Frack-Free Dorset meeting in Dorchester

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She said that objectors had to be ready to oppose applications at every stage.

In her talk she said that the technique typically used multiple well heads and "phenomenal" volumes of water and chemicals which resulted in far more waste, and a higher risk of pollution, than conventional oil extraction. Wells were often drilled to depths of three kilometres and could extend sideways by similar distances, some using two to six million gallons of water which, even at low volumes, could carry between 10,000 and 120,000 gallons of chemical additives,

much of which would remain in the ground.

"What does come back up is recognised as a hazardous waste in the UK," she said.

She said that what was being proposed by the Government was the industrialisation of the countryside with all the consequences that would have for people living nearby as well as traffic congestion, risk of pollution and the effects on tourism and house prices.

The meeting was also shown a film about fracking in this country and America and heard from experts in geology and planning.

Pete West, from Dorset County Council, said one of the problems was that by pursuing fracking it would lock the country into fossil fuels – while what would be a better option would be further use of renewable energy sources.

"Even if we do get fracking there is no guarantee that we in the UK would directly benefit from it. It will be traded on the market... if we are not careful we could simply end up pushing more and more power into the hands of a few companies."

A further meeting of the steering group is being held tonight (Thursday, April 4th), to develop the campaign against fracking.

A Facebook page www.facebook.com/#!/FrackFreeDorset has been set up to get in touch for further information or to join in.

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Only 'tangible' goods on sale at market

CHANGES come into effect at Dorchester's street market this week which will result in a ban on some types of stall.

The market had been threatened with closure but has now been spared – although for some traders, who don't sell "tangible goods" it will mean the end of the road.

Among those affected by the decision will be one man who has been attending

the market on some Saturdays for two years offering deals on gas and electricity supplies, phones and broadband. Because the council, which runs the market do not consider that what he sells is a "tangible good", trader Ivor Cardell will have to move elsewhere if he wants to carry on trading.

Mr Cardell claims that

the ban is unfair and that others are doing exactly the same at other markets up and down the country.

Other changes taking place include the need for all traders to remove their vehicles from the street by 8.45am, compared to the existing 10am.

A council spokesman said that the changes had been agreed after talks with regular traders: "A panel of councillors from

both councils (West Dorset and Dorchester Town) agreed to recommend that from April 1st licences will not be issued to traders who propose to use the market for display or promotional use.

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Deputy chief constable appointed

DORSET Police has announced the appointment of James Vaughan as the new Deputy Chief Constable for the force.

Mr Vaughan is currently the Assistant Chief Constable of Dorset Police and will take up his appointment as the Deputy Chief Constable on May 1st this year.

Chief Constable, Debbie Simpson said: "I am delighted to announce that Mr Vaughan has been successful in his application... He has a wealth of operational policing experience and I am very pleased indeed that he will be joining our team.

The new Deputy Chief joined Dorset Police last year following the retirement of former Assistant Chief Constable Mike Glanville. He came to the county from Wiltshire where he started in 1992 working in various uniform and detective roles in the northern part of the county.

On promotion he served as a Detective Sergeant and Detective Inspector in Swindon leading up to 2005, when he was selected to join the High Potential Development Scheme.

As a Chief Inspector he was the staff officer to the Chief Constable and later led the centralisation of roads policing within the operations portfolio.

Promoted to Detective Superintendent in 2007, Mr Vaughan led the Force's response to major, serious and organised crime and led

numerous programmes of change to deliver significant capability development for the Force, whilst leading and managing numerous murder and other major crime investigations.

He has led various collaboration programmes regionally and developed and implemented force structures to meet the austerity challenges.

He holds a masters degree in criminology and police management and has published research on his academic interests in child homicide. His is also the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) lead for the South West Regional forensic services collaboration.

He is married to Sacha and has five children, two of whom are at university. He enjoys natural history, music, sports and keeping fit.



■ NEWLY APPOINTED: Deputy Chief Constable James Vaughan

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New project for cafe owners

DORCHESTER restaurateurs Todd and Louise Moffat have taken over the café at the Chesil Beach Centre. Todd and Louise Moffat, owners of the Taste café/bistro in Trinity Street, Dorchester, will run the project alongside the Dorset Wildlife Trust-run visitor centre.

Said Mrs Moffat: "We are really looking forward to working in partnership with the Dorset Wildlife Trust, whilst providing great food and service to all the centre visitors and the wider community of Weymouth and Portland."

The Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre is a partnership between Weymouth and Portland Borough Council and Dorset Wildlife Trust. The Centre is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Fine Family Foundation, Chesil Bank and the Fleet Nature Reserve, Jurassic Coast Team and Trust, Crown Estate, Court Leet of the Island and Royal Manor of Portland, Dorset County Council, Garfield Weston Foundation, the Chalk and Cheese Local Action Group and an army of volunteers from the local community.

History centre hours cut

SATURDAY opening hours for the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester have changed.

The centre, off Bridport Road, is restricting its hours as a cost-saving measure, and will open only on the first and third Saturday of each month, 9am to 4.30pm.

The centre will continue to open as usual Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

The building holds thousands of archives with links to Dorset's past. Visitors can view original documents and get expert advice about researching Dorset's history. There is also free access to www.ancestry.co.uk available at the centre, giving people an opportunity to discover more about their heritage.

Sam Johnston, county archivist at Dorset County Council, said: "We are determined to provide access to collections outside of our weekday opening hours. By keeping a service two Saturdays a month, visitors can still benefit from a full day's research."

One door closes and another opens

ONE Dorchester town centre shop has been saved from closure...but others have shut down.

Millets announced it would be shutting its door in the first week of March after the parent company decided to rationalise the number of stores it has – but last week a sign appeared saying the business was to stay open and that Blacks, the parent company, was now recruiting staff.

The shop, almost completely devoid of stock earlier in the month, has now been re-supplied.

The county town has branches of both Millets and Blacks, both owned by JD Sports.

Nationally Blacks reported a £16million loss in October last year and, at the time, had seen a 90 per cent drop in its share price since January 2012 when the chain was taken over.

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But despite hopes of saving nearby Moss Bros that business is now closed and further down the street disappointed staff at JJB Sports, who were initially told they would be saved from the axe, have now also shut.

The nine staff were originally told that Sports Direct, who bought the company, would save the Dorchester store.

But it is not all doom and gloom for Dorchester – the Brewery Square development, which last week saw the opening of Premier Inn (see page 3), is now advertising for restaurant staff for the chains Zizi and Wagamama.

Debbie the donkey joins Easter service

A WEYMOUTH beach donkey joined the congregation of St George's Church, Dorchester to celebrate Palm Sunday and mark the start of Holy Week.

The congregation was told that the donkey signified Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

After just a little persuasion Debbie Donkey walked into the church accompanied by the Sunday School children and provided a Palm Sunday that provoked much thought and a memorable occasion.

"We hope the memory

will live with the children, so in years to come they will be telling

their grandchildren about the Easter donkey and the journey to the

cross," said church spokesperson Margaret Morrissey.



■ DEBBIE the Donkey who attended the Palm Sunday service at St George's Church

Can volunteers help you?

WORK is needed for young volunteers who are signing up with the Dorchester-based Dorset Volunteer Centre.

Community organisations are being asked by the centre if they could find work for 16 to 25-year-olds, many of which having difficulty in finding placements.

Further information is available through the centre's website www.volunteeringdorset.org.uk

Time to give blood

THE next blood donor sessions in Dorchester take place at the United Church Hall on Thursday, April 18th.

Volunteers can attend either between 1.30pm and 3.25pm or 4pm until 7pm.

To book an appointment call 0300 123 23 23, or visit www.blood.co.uk

Extra homes rejected

A SPECIAL Crossways parish meeting has rejected plans for more than 700 extra homes on the edge of the village.

Of those who did agree to more homes for the area, figures suggested ranged from 50 to 500, only one site, off Warmwell Road, was thought to be suitable for development – with all the others being rejected.

But many residents have shown support for some job creation schemes and support for local shops, the health centre, village hall and youth centre.

There was also a call to expand and improve "green spaces" in the area.

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MEMBERS of Dorchester's Distinction cheerleading squad have been collecting in the town centre over the Easter weekend to raise money to pay for items to be used in their demonstrations and training.

The group, which meets at the Dorchester Martial Arts and Fitness Centre, offers training in dance, cheerleading, tumbling, stunts and jumping.

Membership is open to those between the ages of six and 18.

For further information contact leader, Charlotte, on 07971373533 or by email to - CRW3333@HOTMAIL.COM

Pictured are members of the Distinction cheerleading squad - collecting in Dorchester over Easter weekend to pay for equipment.

Children's wildlife garden prepares for grand opening

by Trevor Bevins
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A WILDLIFE garden designed by students from Thomas Hardy School is being formally handed over to Dorchester's Sure Start Children's Centre today (Thursday, April 4th).

Dorset Wildlife Trust led this project with help of a grant from Natural England.

Like many projects this year the students started work on the plot, but bad weather meant that they were unable to continue. The landscaping work was then carried out by Dorset Works, Dorset County Council's contracting arm and the planting by Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Joy Wallis, project lead for Dorset Wildlife Trust, said: "It has been a fantastic project to be involved with. We have worked with many parts of the community and it will appeal to all ages."

The garden will be officially opened by Councillor Toni Coombs, cabinet member for children's services, Dorset County Council and Nigel Webb, Chairman of the Dorset Wildlife Trust.

"This is a wonderful example of young people participating at all stages

of a project that will benefit younger children and encourage wildlife to flourish.

"It is a real example of partnership that has a benefit for the local community," said Councillor Coombs.

Also invited will be the students who designed the garden and there is an open invitation to children and their families who live locally. The garden will be opened at 11.15am today.

Volunteers from Dorset Wildlife Trust will be on

hand with a variety of activities to entertain children of all ages.

There will also be information about the range of help and advice available from the Children's centre.

Louisa Payne, cluster manager of the West Dorset Children's Centre said: "We would like to invite all families in Dorchester and the surrounding villages to come and join us for this free event."

"We would love families to come and find out more about what the Children's Centre can offer and to explore our new garden."

Pub to host village post office

BUCKLAND Newton Post Office will continue to operate from Gaggle of Geese Pub - after public consultation and a successful trial which started in February.

Prior to the move the post office used to operate from The Old Chapel Stores.

The present arrangements involve a sub-postmaster from Cerne Abbas

Post Office visiting the pub at fixed times to offers services.

The Post Office say that as a result of public comments earlier opening hours than first proposed are now being introduced - on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am until noon.

To improve accessibility a handrail will also be installed at the entrance to the pub, which has steps.

Post Office Regional Network Manager for Wales and West of England, Tony Jones, said: "We understand how important having a post office is to residents in Buckland Newton and we are confident that the hosted outreach services will meet the needs of the local community and secure services for the future."

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New home for farmer's market

DORCHESTER'S popular Dorset Farmers' Market is moving to Queen Mother Square at Poundbury this weekend.

To help celebrate the move the Farmers' Market mobile kitchen will be there on Saturday, April 6th, with demonstrations from Tim Attril, chef from the Hive Beach Café; Adrian Spicer from L & C Game and Caroline Drever from Dorset Shellfish. They will have some recipe ideas on how to make the most of the local ingredients on offer at the market.

The event will also include music from local performers

Pictured is Sharon Cray from Oxfords Bakery serves customers at Dorchester's Farmers' Market which will be moving to Queen Mother Square this weekend.



MP draws a crowd at business breakfast



■ WEST Dorset MP Oliver Letwin talking to the FSB members in Dorchester

WEST Dorset MP Oliver Letwin was guest speaker at the first of a series of networking meetings held by the Federation of Small Businesses in Dorchester.

The Wessex Rural Branch meeting was held over breakfast at Carluccio's in the Brewery Square.

Almost 60 members and guests attended to hear the Mr Letwin talk about how the government can help local businesses.

The event was sponsored by Marketing West and Old Mill Accountants.

Said David Trickett, the Regional Chairman: "It was great to see so many attend. In fact we had a waiting list which goes to show that if you get the content right the FSB members will support you.

"We have a number of events planned over the spring and summer including members training sessions, networking events and social events."

The next planned event is in May and is a tour of the Furleigh Estate vineyard and winery plus a tasting and a barbeque.

Fancy a stroll?

DORCHESTER Strollers, the walking group set up to encourage local people to take up regular exercise has published its April programme.

On most days the group aim to have at least two groups walking at different rates – the faster group for about an hour and the slower group for half to three-quarters of an hour.

Those planning to join in with the free walks are advised that the longer walks and special walks will sometimes include grass or muddy paths so wear stout shoes.

After each walk those who have taken part get together for a cup of tea or coffee, if they want to.

Walkers are asked to arrive five – ten minutes before the walk start time to enable the register to be completed.

The first walk after Easter weekend will be on Monday, April 8th at 10.30am, meeting at the Brownsword Hall, Poundbury with a walk on Tuesday, April 9th at 2.15pm starting from the North Square side of the Corn Exchange.

On Monday, April 15th walkers will meet at Tesco, by the fountains, at 10.30am; on Tuesday, April 16th at 2.15pm in North Square.

The following week the group meet on Monday, April 22nd at 10.30am at Café Central at the bottom end of South Street, on Tuesday, April 23rd at 2.15pm at North Square.

Three walks in a row are planned for the last week of the month – a special spring walk on Sunday, April 28th at 2pm meeting at the Pine Lodge tearooms, Bockhampton; on Monday, April 29th at 10.30am at the Brownsword Hall and on Tuesday 30th at 2.15pm at North Square.

For further information about the group please contact secretary Susan Blake on (01305) 263759 (answerphone).

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Geology lecture

A GEOLOGY Lecture at the county museum next week will look at recent discoveries in the local Kimmeridge Clay.

The lecture, which is the last in the current series, takes place in the museum on Wednesday, April 10th at 7pm and is open to non-members for a minimum donation of £3.

The talk is being presented by palaeontologist and fossil collector Steve Etches.

Eyes down for Weldmar

A SPRING bingo is being held in Dorchester next week to raise money for Weldmar Hospicecare.

The event will take place at the corn exchange on Thursday, April 11th, with eyes down at 7.30pm. Doors open an hour earlier when refreshments will be available.

Capitalism vs climate talk

GREEN Party international spokesman Derek Wall will be speaking at a meeting in Dorchester on Saturday.

He will be guest speaker at 1.30pm at the April 6th meeting of the Dorset Socialists being held in the Colliton Club. His subject will be: "Capitalism versus Climate."

Open garden

DOMINEYS at Buckland Newton will be open to the public on Sunday, April 7th as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

Directions to the popular house will be signposted on the day between 2pm and 6pm.

The gardens include an orchard and collection of camellias.

Entrance is £4 and plants will be for sale.



2013 Kingston Maurward College competitors with NFU Dorset Chairman Paul Gould, C&O Managing Director Andy Coles, Area Sales Manager Dave Stickland, and Kingston Maurward College head of Agriculture Tim Stephens

THE annual search for the NFU Agricultural Student of the Year has begun at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester.

The award was launched two years ago as a joint venture between the Dorset NFU (National Farmers Union), Kingston Maurward College, New Holland and C&O Tractors.

Twenty five second year Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture students at Kingston Maurward College will take part in the contest on June 20th, which will consist of a series of tests including livestock, machinery and estate skills tasks followed by a 50-question multiple choice paper.

Kingston Maurward College

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Head of Agriculture Tim Stephens said: "This competition has proved to be exciting and fulfilling for all of the competitors in the last two years, and this year is no exception – the students are looking forward to achieving the top position in this coveted and prestigious prize."

C&O Tractors' Andy Coles said: "On behalf of C&O Tractors I'm really pleased that we are once again involved in the Student of the Year competition. Kingston Maurward College has a record of producing excellent students and

I'm glad we're able to recognise this achievement with the award.

"Meeting some of the contenders for this year's award at C&O's Blandford Open Day I have been bowled over by the enthusiasm and energy of the students."

Richard Spencer, New Holland's Marketing Manager said: "C&O Tractors Ltd and New Holland are proud to support Kingston Maurward College in their search for their Student of the Year in 2013."

"It is vital that the skills and enthusiasm for agriculture are retained and developed, and C&O together with New Holland actively seek to support the next generation of agricultural engineers and nurture their talent."

Explore the town's museums by night

DORCHESTER'S six museums will be opening late in May to mark the national Museums at Night festival of museums and heritage.

The event will be taking place on Saturday, May 18th when visitors will be able to visit all the town's museum attractions at a reduced price.

Advance tickets will cost £8 with the price including a family of two adults and up to four children. Tickets on the night will cost £12.

All of the museums and associated historic attractions will be open from 5pm to 9pm – including the Roman Town House.

Max Gate will also be open on the day – from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Other taking part are – the Dinosaur Museum, Tutankhamun Exhibition, The Dorset County Museum, Teddy Bear Museum, The Keep Military Museum, and The Terracotta Warriors Museum.

"Museums at Night really does offer something for everyone whatever your interest. So whether its Tutankhamun or Romans, Thomas Hardy or teddy bears, dinosaurs or Dorchester's local history, the Dorsetshire Regiment or terracotta warriors of a much earlier age, it's there to be explored," said Tum Batty from the Dinosaur Museum.

Spring drama at corn exchange

THE story of an autistic boy who struggles to fit in comes to Dorchester Corn Exchange this Saturday, April 6th.

The Boy at The Edge of the Room will be presented by Forest Forge Theatre Company at 8pm.

The performance will be followed by a question and answer session with the author and a representative of Autism Wessex.

The production is part of the Spring Season of Drama sponsored by Battens Solicitors with tickets available from the Tourist Information Office and Dorchester Arts Centre at £10 and £8.



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Work begins on library

WORK to fit out Dorchester's new library and adult learning centre is underway – but the opening could still be more than three months away.

Dorset County Council is relocating the two services in a combined “one-stop shop” for reading and learning, occupying three floors in the newly-opened Charles Street development, shared with West Dorset District Council.

The new centre is due to open its doors in July. Its main entrance and reception will be in South Walks, opposite the Hardye Arcade.

Library and learning resources will be spread across the three floors, including extra books and an improved children's library area with a family learning room, plus public access computers and self-service units for book, CD and DVD issues.

There will be areas for reading, quiet study and browsing.

Three classrooms and an IT suite will be dedicated to adult learning and, when not in use, the classrooms will be available for use as meeting rooms

by local community organisations.

The building will also feature toilets, baby changing facilities and access to all floors by lifts and stairs.

Once the centre is open, the county council will terminate its lease on the current adult learning centre in Prince of Wales Road.

The existing town library at Colliton Park will be converted into office space, helping the council to reduce its overall number of buildings and cut running costs.

Public displays showcasing the lay-out of the new South Walks centre will go on display later this spring in the existing library building, the current adult learning centre and in the reception at County Hall.

Councillor Hilary Cox, the council's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: “I am delighted work on fitting out the new library and adult learning centre is getting underway.

“It will provide the town and its surrounding area with better, more accessible facilities, offering benefits to people of all ages and interests.”



Egg-citing treat for Kingfisher kids

■ **YOUNG patients staying on Dorset County Hospital's Kingfisher Ward have a fresh supply of arts and crafts materials thanks to a generous donation of supplies from Dorchester Tesco.**

The store's Community Champion Lisa Bedford also delivered Easter Eggs to the children's ward and sponsorship for the ward's new sensory bubble tubes.

Tesco will be providing the bottled water that is needed for the tubes. Lisa is pictured here on the ward with staff.

Business advice on offer

A DORSET-wide business mentoring service is expanding across the county to support small businesses which are growing or going through change.

Dormen has more than 80 experienced business people who give their time freely to mentor local businesses.

The organisation is now calling on businesses of any type, whether long-established or in the early years of trading, to consider whether someone impartial to talk to and bring a fresh perspective could help them.

Vivian Dunn from Dormen said: “We have these incredible resources in the form of highly experienced business people. We want more people to be aware we are here and are keen to help.

“The service is confidential and we use our experience to partner businesses with mentors who we think will suit them.”

More information is available from the website - www.dormen.org.uk

Come and sing

WEATHERBURY Singers will be holding a workshop followed by an informal performance in St George's Church, Dorchester on Saturday, April 13th.

The singing event starts at 10.30am and will cost £15 to include lunch, coffee and teas.

To book call 01305 848053 or visit the group's website - www.weatherburysingers.co.uk

The management committee of the choir have nominated the About Face charity to benefit from fundraising by the choir at the Come and Sing event as well as the Summer Concert.

Established in the later 1990s, About Face is a Dorset registered charity that supports people who have cancer of the head and neck. The Charity provides one-to-one and group support for patients and their families and carers. It also provides a specialised facility at the About Face Centre in Poole for the further education and training of health professionals in the head and neck cancer disciplines.

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National Pet Month 2013

National Pet Month 2013 - 1st April to 6th May
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National Pet Month in a Nutshell

When?

From 1st April – 6th May 2013, you are invited to be a part of National Pet Month. Thousands of people up and down the UK will be celebrating life with their pets, spreading the word on responsible pet ownership or raising money for their favourite charity in fun-filled events. Why not be a part of this?

National Pet Month's Aims:

- Promote responsible pet owner-

ship.

- Make people aware of the mutual benefits of living with pets.
- Increase public awareness of the role of pet care specialists.
- Raise awareness of the value of working and assistance companion animals.

What?

Each year the responsible pet ownership message is conveyed by running the events under a central theme.. Our 2012 theme is "

Your pets and you: a winning team".

Who?

National Pet Month is a registered charity, unique in bringing together animal welfare charities, professional bodies, pet businesses, schools, youth groups and pet lovers, with the common goal of improving the welfare of pets. The trustees are National Office of Animal Health (NOAH), Pet Food Manufacturers' Association (PFMA) and Pet Care Trust (PCT).

How?

First of all become a supporter. This will keep you up-to-date with our activities and you will get a free events pack. Anyone wanting to find out more about running events for National Pet Month can also check out the details on putting on an event.

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The self-confessed animal fanatic owns two Shetland ponies and two Jack Russells, and has owned pets all her life.

She said: "I have 50 years' experience looking after pets and so I can offer advice as well as products.

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- 1) Think carefully before getting a pet and learn about its specific requirements and whether you can provide them.
- 2) Ensure your pet is sociable and well trained.
- 3) Provide a nutritious and well balanced diet specific to their species and breed.
- 4) Provide suitable housing and bedding.
- 5) Clean up after your pet and worm it regularly. This is important for their individual health and for public safety.
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- 8) Groom your pet regularly.
- 9) Control your pet and sure it is properly identified.
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MEMBERS of Dorchester's churches took part in the annual Good Friday Walk of Witness.

Volunteers took turns to carry the cross and the procession stopped for readings and a prayer or hymn at various locations around the town, including outside Barclays Bank in South Street and at the eastern end of Durngate Street.

The walk started at St Mary's church.

The event was organised by Churches Together in Dorchester and involved clerics and other church officials from all of the town's churches.

In the afternoon a smaller group walked from St George's in Dorchester to St Andrew's at West Stafford for a short service and tea, followed by hot cross buns.

■ (Left and top right) Volunteers bearing the Cross lead the Dorchester Walk of Witness on Good Friday. More than a hundred members of local churches took part in the event.

■ (Bottom right) Pause for prayer at the bottom end of Durngate Street



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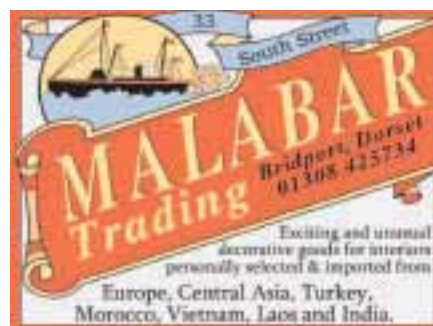
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Looking for the eggs through the tees

■ TWINS Grace and Faith Smith (3) with mum Louise Smith (left) and sister Emily Smith had an egg-citing time at the Borough Gardens Easter egg hunt

YOUNGSTERS had an egg-citing time in Dorchester Borough Gardens on Easter Saturday – hunting for chocolate eggs.

Around a hundred children joined in the challenge, organised by the Dorchester Family Church, having to find golf tees hidden in the grass – which they then exchanged for chocolate eggs.

“It was really difficult. They’re very hard to find,”

said Louise Smith, mother of three-year-old twins Grace and Faith.

But enough found the pegs for the church to give out around 450 small eggs, three large eggs and £20 gift vouchers.

“We were really surprised, but very pleased, that so many people came along to join in the fun. It was very worthwhile,” said one of the church leaders, Gary Fry.

Plush signs restored to former glory

by Trevor Bevins
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JOHN Browning of Plush, near Dorchester, has led the first community Dorset Fingerpost Project, a refurbishment of a fingerpost sign in the centre of his village.

The initiative was funded by Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Piddle Valley Parish Council.

“It was becoming apparent that the existing fingerpost was in a bad way, the arms were rotten and many of the original alloy letters were missing,” said Mr Browning.

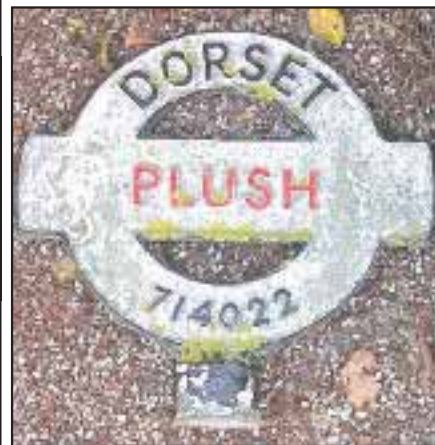
“As a community we felt very strongly about ensuring that this iconic focal point of our village was properly restored and not replaced with a cheaper alternative. After investigating what the legal implications were, what materials would be necessary and with the help of a number of local specialists, the fingerpost sign

was fully restored to its authentic traditional design. This was a fantastic project to get involved with and I would urge anyone who is concerned about their local fingerpost sign to get in touch with Dorset AONB.” Sue Mitchell from the Dorset AONB added: “When Mr Browning approached us about restoring the fingerpost sign in Plush, it demonstrated how passionate people are about maintaining the local distinctiveness of Dorset.

“It is another example of how anyone can get involved and any residents, communities or businesses that are inspired by this project are welcome to contact me at Dorset AONB expressing their concerns about a local sign and find out how they can become a fingerpost champion and sponsor or even carry out its repair. We can then ensure that the signs are restored in accordance with the true historic design.”

The new sign, which took a month to complete and came in at half its allocated budget, is now back in place, directing traffic through the village.

For more information on the Dorset Fingerpost Project and how to become a fingerpost champion please visit www.dorsetaonb.org.uk or alternatively call Katharine Wright 01305 228239.



■ THE Pluh fingerposts before (above) and after (right) their restoration, returning them to their former glory



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DEEP personal experience has prompted surprising responses by 24 contemporary artists to Dorset County Museum's rich collection. The exhibition – Encounters – which opened at the Museum in February, appeals to a wide audience, both young and old. It contains an fascinating range of concepts in a variety of different, and in some cases highly unusual, media.

The members of Wessex Contemporary Arts have worked with the Museum's support to present works that are both a response to the collections and a development of their own working practice. The archaeological holdings of the Museum have, not surprisingly, been the focus of the largest number of artists.

There are several workshops and 'meet the artists' events scheduled throughout the spring months to bring the Encounters concept alive and encourage a greater understanding of how contemporary arts can be part of everyone's experience.

The artists, all from Wessex Contemporary Arts, will be there personally to talk about their work between 10.30am and 12 noon on 4 and 11 April. Come along to meet them, hear about their work and find out what inspired them. Some of the artists are also running workshops to encourage tactile engagement with processes and concepts that are at the heart of Contemporary art. The next of these, an experimental drawing encounter with artists Jindra Jehu and Louise Roll, takes place at the Museum on Saturday 30 March between 10.30am and 12 noon. This is excellent value at just £3.00 per person, it is suitable for all ages and there is no need to book.

On Saturday, April 27th, Bill Crumbleholme is holding a workshop for adults on Neolithic Grooved Ware Pottery, and on Saturday 11 May Susan Hughes is running a portrait drawing workshop – this activity is suitable for adults and children over 13. Both activities cost £7.50 per person and advance booking is essential – contact the Museum Shop on 01305 756827 for further details and to book.

Encounters: Wessex Contemporary Artists meet Dorset County Museum runs until June 7th 2013 and entry to the exhibition is free. For further information pick up an exhibition leaflet at the Museum shop or visit the website on www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

Series of talks on Thomas Hardy begin later this month

DEMELEZA Hookway from the University of Exeter will give a talk on Thomas Hardy and John Stuart Mill at Dorset County Museum. This is the first in a series of five lectures about Thomas Hardy and is part of a larger project from a Hardy Country working group which includes Dorset County Museum, the National Trust and the University of Exeter. Designed to finally put Hardy firmly on the map, the lectures will provide a physical experience of this ongoing project to revise the profile of Thomas Hardy both locally and nationally. The addition of lectures by academics studying Hardy provides a link to contemporary ideas about him and his work and a link to a public who know Hardy only from his novels.

Demelza Hookway opens the series with a talk on Thursday, April 25th from 7.30pm, about Hardy and John Stuart Mill – a British philosopher and political economist and an influential contributor to social and political theory. Hardy called John Stuart Mill "one of the profoundest thinkers" of the nineteenth century. This talk will show how he was both a critic and a champion of Mill's ideas as he tested them out in his novels.

Entry to the talk is free but a donation of £3 is encouraged to cover costs. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book. Doors open at 7pm.

Boothby Graffoe: Nomad - No Sane Either

CLAIMING to be the only comedian in the world named after a Lincolnshire village, the wonderfully eccentric Boothby Graffoe comes to The Lyric Theatre to perform a brand new set of his famously surreal songs, on Friday, April 12th.

Boothby's national spring tour 'Nomad – No Sane Either' coincides nicely with his new CD release. Despite being out of the spotlight when he 'retired' from stand up to concentrate on writing over the past few years, this song-singing comedian scored a massive result on a crowd-sourcing website with a record 500% over-subscription for his new studio music album 'Nomad'. In just 21 days, backers from all over the world pledged over 5 times more money than the target set. 'Nomad' features musical accompaniment from Stewart Lee's violinist Nick Pynn, Canadian super-group Barenaked Ladies' member Kevin Hearn, and movie star comedian Omid Djalili – coincidentally a talented bongo-player. Boothby said, "I'm surprised and delighted by the response. I just hope everyone enjoys listening to it as much as I enjoyed making it!"

Graffoe has won several awards, including the 2002

Boothby Graffoe brings his new show 'Nomad - No Sane Either' to Bridport



Adelaide Fringe Award for Excellence and the Time Out Comedy Award. He has been nominated for British comedy's prestigious Perrier Award. He has had five series on BBC Radio 4: two of The Big Booth featuring amongst others Steve Frost, Richard Thompson, Ned Sherrin, Glen Tilbrook and Kevin Eldon; three of No Particular Order featuring amongst others Art Malik, Steve Frost and Paul Zerdin. He's also written three plays for the stage: *The Condition Of The Virgin*, *God and Adam*, and *Hitler Sells Tickets*. When he's not writing and performing stand-up Boothby tours with Barenaked Ladies as their support. You can catch him on Radio 4 with Stephen K Amos and watch him on Comedy Central's Alternative Comedy Experience.

Boothby performs at the Lyric Theatre in Bridport on Friday, April 12th at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 and are available from the Bridport Arts Centre box office (Tues - Sat, 10am-3pm), by calling 01308 424204, in person, and online at www.bridport-arts.com.

JOHN MILLS TO GIVE DORCHESTER CONCERT

DORCHESTER Arts are delighted to welcome the outstanding classical guitarist John Mills who will be giving 'A Tribute to Andres Segovia' on Saturday, April 13th at Dorchester Arts Centre at 8pm.

A renowned classical guitarist, Mills studied with the legendary Andres Segovia, as well as John Williams and Julian Bream. In his remarkable career spanning some 45 years he has given over 3000 concerts around the world.

Now he presents a Spanish programme to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the death of his mentor Segovia featuring compositions commissioned by, associated with and transcribed by the great Spanish maestro, including works by Albéniz, Granados, Guilani, Tasman, Castelnuovo-Tedesco, and Bach.

Tickets are £13 / £10. To book ring 01305 266926 or book online at: www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

First ever Dorset Art Trail combines food and art

ART and food come together in a weekend of cultural and sensory delights when the first-ever Dorset Art Trail is this weekend from April 5th to 7th.

Focusing on the west and northwest of the county, this pioneering event, organised by Dorset Visual Arts, will see many renowned artists and food producers celebrating their talents.

Main events include a cookery demonstration by Lesley Waters, meet the artist occasions with photographer Jill Kennington

Courtauld and sculptor Marzia Colonna, as well as special lunches and evening events with furniture maker John Makepeace, Plush Art and Sladers Yard which involve a number of other leading artists, designers and makers, all providing a very special cultural weekend in Dorset. A master class in food photography and still-life led by award-winning photographer and filmmaker Robert Golden, a special pinhole photography day and a print workshop provide opportunities to get

practical.

The weekend will also feature walks and cycle rides as visitors follow the route between Halstock, Powerstock, Beaminster, Bridport, Lyme Regis, West Bay, Portesham, Plush, Minterne Magna and Yetminster. This trail, the first of four that will throw a spotlight on different parts of the county, is called 'A Movable Feast'.

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DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will be meeting at 2.30 pm in the Education Centre, Dorset County Hospital, when Rob Curtis will give a talk on the The Tolpuddle Martyrs. All retired Health Service employees are welcome to join. Our new programme of talks and outings is now available.

WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society invite all to an interesting talk by Mike Crankshaw entitled 'My Life on Board the Royal Yacht Britannia'. The meeting will be held at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane at 7.30 pm. Further details available from Julie or Peter on 01305-772533.

THURSDAY APRIL 11TH

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage, Dorset Group. The Iris Competition in Florence. An illustrated talk on a major European competition for this beautiful genus, by Clive Russell, National Collection Holder and International Iris Judge. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. Visitors welcome (£2.50, students £1.00 at the door). Details from Peter on 01305 772533 and the NCCPG website.

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH

DORCHESTER: French Market for one day only, held on South Walks from 9am-4pm.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH

DORCHESTER: Dorset County Museum Music Soc. will have a Piano Recital with Alexandra Dariescu, music by Bartok, Schumann and Chopin. It will be held at the County Museum, tickets £12 from the Museum or on the door.

THURSDAY APRIL 18TH

FORDINGTON: The RSPB A.G.M. will be held followed by a talk by Nick Tomlinson, warden at Kingcombe D.W.T. Reserve on the workings of the Reserve The talk will be held at St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Members £2.50, visitors £3.00.

FRIDAY APRIL 19TH

BROADMAYNE: St Martins Community Hall Broadmayne, (next to the Church) from 2-3.30pm. Raffle, craft, plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local sausages, lamb & eggs, local watercress, plants from local nursery, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765

SATURDAY APRIL 20TH

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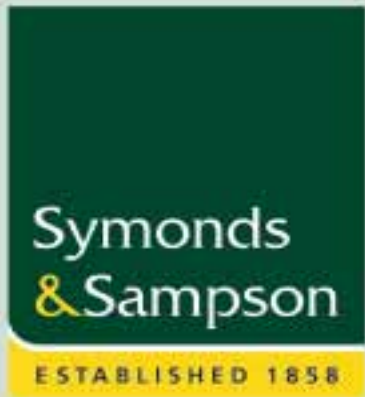
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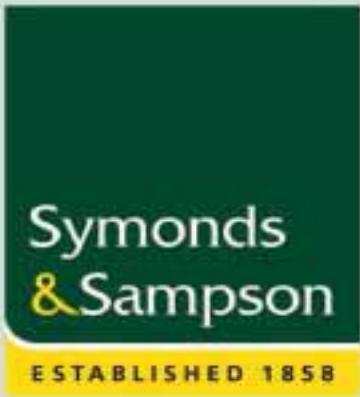
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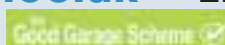
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DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

WITH WILL MOWBRAY
Match Reports - March 30th
Dorset Premier League
Portland Utd 2 Weymouth Res 0

PORTLAND United comfortably won 2-0 in this local derby. Two second-half strikes from Carl Mutch and Adam Linaker were enough to seal all three points.

The Islanders stay in second place, four points adrift of the leaders, but with two games in hand.

Parley Sports 1 Poole Borough 0

PARLEY Sports returned to winning form with a 1-0 win against Poole Borough.

The goal came just before the interval though Tobias Holmes as Poole remain in the bottom two after their 19th defeat of the season.

Senior League

ON Saturday, Mere Town won their 16th game of the season with goals from Robert Clowes, Scott Martin and Mariusz Kawater sealing a tight 3-2 at Sturminster Marshall.

The Sturminster goals were scored by Scott Logan and Richard Davies.

Gillingham Town Reserves fell further behind the leaders when they lost 3-1 to their visitors Witchampton United with their goal coming from Darren Isaac while on target for the Witches were Liam Cullen with a brace and one for Lewis Salter.

Piddletrenhide United and Sturminster Newton United drew 2-2 with the Piddletrenhide goals coming from Jon Churchill and Neil Kellaway.

Westland Sports stay in the top five after their 2-1 win against their visitors Weymouth Sports with their goals coming from Sam Farthing and Jake Wolfe. This result leaves Weymouth in the bottom two.

Upwey & Broadwey moved up into sixth place with a 2-0 victory against their hosts Blandford United Reserves with both their goals coming from Charlie May.

Kingston Lacy moved up a place to eighth following their 2-1 success against their visitors Stourpaine with their marksmen being Simon Dyer and Oliver Cherrett.

Portland United Reserves won for the first time since well before Christmas with a 3-1 win at Okeford United. The only Okeford goal came from from Oliver Chaffey.

Division One

CORFE Mullen United maintained their unbeaten record when they defeated relegation-threatened Swanage Town & Herston Reserves by a single goal scored by Mike Corbet.

South Cheriton stay on the leaders heels with a 4-1 success against their visitors Merley Cobham Sports Reserves. Terry Thorne grabbed a brace and one each for Adam Martin and Matthew Peters. The Sports consolation came from Matthew

Roberts.

Milborne Sports stay in the top three with a 5-0 win against Poundbury Rovers. Carl McClements scored a hat-trick and the were one apiece for Daniel Andrews and Ricky Lane.

Fourth-placed Bere Regis returned from Wincanton with maximum points by winning 2-1. Matthew White got the only Wincanton goal.

Bridport A stay in the top five despite drawing 2-2 with hosts Poole Borough Reserves. Borough's goals came from Ryan Mabey and Callum Neate.

The highest score of the day belongs to The Kangaroos who thrashed their visitors from Chickerell United reserves 11-0. The goals coming from Jamie Beasley with five, a brace from Richard Beasley and Jamie Samways and one each for Ross Foot and Taylor Quinton

Division Two

DORCHESTER Sports moved to within three points of the leaders with a 2-1 win against their visitors Donhead United with two goals from Karl Hicks.

Third-placed The Balti House maintained their position with a 4-1 win against their hosts Sturminster Newton United Reserves with the host marksmen being Andrew Ford.

Weymouth Spartans defeated their visitors Gillingham Town A 2-1 with their goals coming from Damien Walsh and Grant Chance which consequently keeps them in the top four.

Wyke Regis Social Club stay in the top six after their one-all draw with their hosts Shaftesbury Town Reserves with their goal coming from Andy Bell while the hosts goal came from Robert Guy.

Corfe Castle also shared the points with their visitors Wareham Rangers Reserves with a one all draw with David Field grabbing Corfes goal.

Portland Town moved further away from the bottom three with a 3-1 success against their visitors The Ship Inn Wool with their goals coming from Paul Cole, Elliott Gould and Daniel Sheppard.

Division Three

LYTCHETT RT made it twelve wins out of twelve to close the gap on the leaders to four points following their 3-1 success at Portsham.

Maiden Newton & Cattistock hoisted themselves into the top four with a 4-1 victory over their visitors Stalbridge. David Payne bagged a hat-trick and one for Christopher Ashdown sealed the win.

Owermoigne stay at the foot of the table on goal difference despite their 5-1 victory over fellow strugglers Bere Regis Reserves.

The game Stickland United and The Belvedere Inn was abandon after 47 minutes with a bad injury to a Belvedere player.

Division Four

MERE Town Reserves moved back to the top of division four following a 3-0 win against third-placed AFC Blandford with their strikes coming from Jamie Samways, Martin Silk and Thomas Young.

United Football Club of Poundbury moved further away from the bottom two with a 2-0 win against their visitors Portland Town Reserve. Ben Southern and Dan Mitchem netted for Poundbury.

Division Five

SWANAGE Town & Herston moved up into second place following their 2-1 win against their visitors Marnhull with their strikes coming from Ben Harding and Florinel Bujor while netting for Marhull was Will Stevens

Kangaroos Reserves stay in the top four after they 2-2 with third from bottom Lytchett RT Youth.

Milborne Sports Reserves stay in the top five after their 5-1 success at Broadstone with their goals coming from Dean Williams with a hat-trick and a brace for Paul Myatt. The Broadstone consolation goal came from Callum McColl.

Handley Sports Reserves won the battle of the bottom two with a 2-0 win against their visitors Maiden Newton & Cattistock with their marksmen being Simon Wallworth and Andrew Cawley.

This result now leaves the visitors seven points adrift at the foot of the table but have games in hand on the teams above them.

Match Reports - April 1st

Senior League

MERE Town are now only two wins away from clinching the senior league title after they increased their lead to 15 points following their 3-1 success against their hosts Piddletrenhide United.

Third-placed side Witchampton United won by a single goal against their visitors Portland United Reserves with the goal coming from Lewis Salter.

Westland Sports moved up into fourth place after their 3-0 win at Okeford who lie bottom with plenty of games in hand to get them out of the danger zone.

Upwey & Broadwey moved up into the top five with a 2-1 win against local-rivals Weymouth Sports. Two penalties from Charlie Kenderdine sealed a tough win. Kingston Lacy stay in seventh place after their 5-2 win against their hosts Blandford United Reserves with the Royals marksmen being Craig Haim and Lee Douch.

Stourpaine won for the seventh time when they defeated their hosts Sturminster Marshall 3-2. Will Gauge scored a brace but it was only a consolation for the bottom three side.

Division One

CORFE Mullen United maintained their unbeaten record and their ten-point lead at the top of division one when they defeated eighth placed Kangaroos 2-1. A

strike coming from Mike Corbet and a penalty from Ashley was enough for the title-destined side.

South Cheriton stay in second place after their 2-1 success against Swanage Town & Herston Reserves with the Swans goal coming from George Harvey.

Milborne Sports lost ground on the leaders when they could only play out a goal less draw with their hosts Poole Borough Reserves.

Merley Cobham Sports Reserves stay at the foot of the table but now on goal difference despite their 3-2 win at Bridport. Jack Clemments scored a brace and one for Christopher Danvers while netting for the Bees were Kieran McAllister and player-manager Andrew Hitchcock.

Division Two

THE only fixture played enabled Portland Town to move further away from the bottom three with a 3-3 draw against their hosts Gillingham Town A.

Goals for Elliott Gould (2) and one from Paul Cole while netting for the Gills were Nicky Squires (2) and one for Sam Shanks.

RESULTS - March 30th

Dorset Premier League

Bridport Res 2-2 Blandford United
Chickerell Utd 1-5 Hamworthy Recreation
Cranborne 3-2 Shaftesbury Town
Hamworthy United Res 2-2 Wareham Rang
Holt United 1-0 Wincanton Town
Merley Cobham Spts 5-1 Sherborne Town
Parley Sports 1-0 Poole Borough
Portland Town 2-0 Weymouth Reserves
Tintinhull 3-1 Swanage Town & Herston

Senior League

Blandford Utd Res 0-2 Upwey & Broadwey
Gillingham Town Res 1-3 Witchampton
Kingston Lacy 2-1 Stourpaine
Okeford United 1-3 Portland United Res
Piddletrenhide 2-2 Sturminster Newton
Sturminster Marshall 2-3 Mere Town
Westland Sports 2-1 Weymouth Sports
League Division One
Kangaroos 11-2 Chickerell United Reserves
Milborne Sports 5-0 Poundbury Rovers
Poole Borough Res 2-2 Bridport A
South Cheriton 4-1 Merley Cobham Sports
Swanage T & H Res 0-1 Corfe Mullen Utd
Wincanton Town Reserves 1-2 Bere Regis

Dorset League Division Two

Corfe Castle 1-1 Wareham Rangers Res
Dorchester Sports 2-1 Donhead United
Portland Town 3-1 Ship Inn Wool
Shaftesbury Town Res 1-1 Wyke Regis S C
Sturminster New Res 1-4 The Balti House
Weymouth Spar 2-1 Gillingham Town A
Dorset League Division Three
Bere Regis Reserves 1-5 Owermoigne
Maiden Newton & C 4-1 Stalbridge
Stickland United 0-0 The Belvedere Inn
Abandon after 47 mins player injury.

Dorset League Division Four

Mere Town Reserves 3-0 AFC Blandford
UC OF Poundbury 2-0 Portland Town Res

Dorset League Division Five

Broadstone Res 1-5 Milborne Sports Res

Handley Spts Res 2-0 Maiden New & Cat
Pimperne Sports p-p Wellworthys
Swanage T & Herston A 2-1 Marnhull

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Senior League

Weymouth Sports 1-2 Upwey & Broadwey
Blandford United Res 2-5 Kingston Lacy
Okeford United 0-3 Westland Sports
Piddlehinton United 1-3 Mere Town
Sturminster Marshall 2-3 Stourpaine
Witchampton Utd 1-0 Portland United Res
League Division One
Bridport A 2-3 Merley Cobham Sports Rese
Kangaroos 1-2 Corfe Mullen United
Poole Borough Res 0-0 Milborne Sports
Swanage T & H Res 1-2 South Cheriton
Dorset League Division Two
Gillingham Town A 3-3 Portland Town

FIXTURES - April 6th

Senior League

Kingston Lacy v Westland Sports
Piddletrenhide United v Okeford United
Upwey & Broadwey v Mere Town
Weymouth Sports v Sturminster Marshall
Stourpaine v Blandford United Reserves
League Division One
Bridport A v South Cheriton
Chickerell Utd Res v Merley Cobham Spts
Milborne Sports v Bere Regis

Poundbury Rovers v Corfe Mullen United
Wincanton Town Reserves v Kangaroos
Dorset League Division Two
AFC Cobham v Weymouth Spartans
Corfe Castle v Donhead United
Poundbury United v Gillingham Town A
Portland Town v Wyke Regis Social Club
Sturminster Newton Res v Ship Inn Wool
Wareham Rangers Res v The Balti House
Dorset League Division Three
Bere Regis Res v Maiden Newton & Cat
Stalbridge v Lytchett RT

Sturminster Marshall v Piddlehinton
The Belvedere Inn v Handley Sports
Dorset League Division Four
AFC Blandford v Bishops Caundle
Broadstone v Portland Town Reserves
Mere Town Res v Cranborne reserves
United Club Of Poundbury v Puddletown
Dorset League Division Five
Handley Spts Res v Swanage Town A
Maiden N & C Reserves v Broadstone Res
Donhead Utd Res v Millborne Sports Reserves
Portland Town A v Pimperne Spts Society
Wellworthys v Lytchett RT Youth

Team of the Week

This week's plaudits go to Corfe Mullen United after they maintained their unbelievable unbeaten run this season, winning twice in four days to move closer to the Division One League title.

AS THEY STAND

Premier	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Holt Utd.....	25	19	3	31
Portland Utd.....	22	18	2	50
Wincanton.....	22	16	4	21
Hamw'thy Res.....	22	14	2	62
Tintinhull.....	24	13	2	9
Chickerell Utd.....	23	11	7	16
Weymouth Res.....	25	11	4	10
Bridport Res.....	23	9	6	14
Parley Sports.....	22	10	3	9
Shaftesbury.....	24	10	1	13
Wareham.....	25	8	5	12
Blandford Utd.....	26	9	1	16
Cranborne.....	24	7	6	11
Hamw'thy Utd.....	25	6	13	-11
Swanage & H.....	21	8	2	11
Merley Sports.....	26	6	4	16
Poole Boro.....	26	4	2	20
Sherborne.....	23	2	6	15

Senior League	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Mere Town.....	19	17	1	40
Gillingham Res.....	19	12	1	6
Witchampton.....	17	11	5	13
Westland Spts.....	10	10	2	8
Upwey & Broa.....	15	10	0	5
Sturminster.....	19	8	5	6
Kingston Lacy.....	17	9	2	10
Stourpaine.....	17	7	4	10
Piddle'thide.....	19	7	3	9
Portland Utd.....	22	6	3	13
Blandford Utd.....	19	6	2	11
Sturminster M.....	22	5	1	16
Weymouth.....	19	3	6	10
Okeford Utd.....	14	3	8	-19

Division One	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Corfe Mullen.....	17	15	2	0
South Cherin.....	15	12	1	2
Milborne Spts.....	18	10	4	28
Bere Regis.....	17	8	2	7
Bridport A.....	18	7	3	8
Poundbury.....	15	5	3	7
Poole Boro.....	17	5	3	9
Kangaroos.....	17	4	5	8
Wincanton.....	12	4	4	-2
Swanage Res.....	13	4	0	9
Chickerell.....	16	4	0	12
Merely Cob.....	17	3	1	11

Division Two	PW	D	LGD	Pts
AFC Cobham.....	19	14	2	3
Dorchester Sp.....	20	12	3	26
Balti House.....	18	12	4	27
Weymouth Sp.....	17	11	3	37
Gillingham A.....	20	7	4	9
Wyke Regis.....	18	7	3	8
Corfe Castle.....	18	7	2	9
Shaftesbury.....	18	6	4	8
Wareham Ran.....	17	4	6	7
Portland Twn.....	17	4	5	8
Donhead Utd.....	14	1	13	-9
Sturminster.....	15	4	1	10
Ship Inn, Wool.....	15	2	4	9

Division Three	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Piddlehinton.....	18	12	4	2
Lytchett RT.....	12	12	0	60
Handley Spts.....	18	7	2	25
Maiden N&C.....	16	7	2	7
Portesham.....	15	6	3	-1
Stalbridge.....	15	5	5	-1
Belvedere Inn.....	11	5	3	6
Sturminster.....	15	6	2	18
Stickland Utd.....	17	3	6	-12
Bere Regis Res.....	14	1	5	-27
Owermoigne.....	17	2	2	13

Division Four	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Mere Town.....	15	10	1	26
Puddletown.....	13	9	2	13
AFC Blandford.....	14	8	4	29
Broadstone.....	13	8	2	29
Cranborne.....	16	6	3	-5
Bishops Caun.....	14	5	2	7
Portland Res.....	13	4	5	0
UFC Poundb.....	13	3	6	9
Corfe Mullen.....	17	3	0	41
Weym'th Spar.....	14	2	1	11

Division Five	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Pimperne.....	14	12	0	2
Swanage Town.....	12	9	3	0
Kangaroos.....	16	9	3	4
Wellworthys.....	15	9	2	26
Milborne Res.....	15	8	3	22
Broadstone.....	18	6	1	11
Marnhull.....	17	5	3	-13
Portland A.....	16	5	2	9
Lytchett RT.....	17	4	4	-26
Handley Res.....	18	4	2	-59
Maiden N&C.....	12	2	1	9

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Scrum Down - News from Puddletown and Dorchester

Dorchester end six-game losing streak with strong performance

Supermarine12-43 Dorchester

DORCHESTER finally brought their run of defeats to an end with a hard fought victory away in Swindon.

Playing with the stiff breeze in the first-half Dorchester immediately set up camp in the hosts twenty-two. However, familiar failings led to several chances going begging and 20 minutes in and the game was still scoreless.

The deadlock was finally broken when James Baker picked up a turnover on the half-way line and outpaced the cover to the corner. Supermarine hit back with a try of their own when there forwards, using the pick and drive to good effect drove over in left hand corner.

Both tries went unconverted and with time slipping away the scores were tied. Winger Dave Clarke chased down a long kick from Rich Bament and with the help of Dave Gower forced the home defence into a mistake behind their try line which Clark gleefully jumped on for a second try, this time converted by Baker. Then, with the last play of the half, Luke Weller's long

pass found Clark in space and he wrong footed the last defender for his second try. Baker's conversion gave the visitors a 14-point lead at the break.

With the benefit of the wind Supermarine were confident of pulling off a rare win and, when their left-winger fielded a missed touch kick and ran through the entire Dorchester team to score under the posts, that confidence seemed well-placed.

Just when it mattered most Dorchester seemed to remember that they are a decent side and took a grip on the game that they never released.

With Shane Costigan pulling the strings from scrum half they began to put some width on the game and the pace and power of Jamie Morgan and James Baker proved too much for the home defence.

Baker benefited from Morgan's run and kick ahead for his second try, Morgan himself then sliced through to score under the posts. Dorchester continued to dominate and Morgan was on the end of Dave Clark's little grubber into the

corner before Baker finished proceedings with his third try of the afternoon.

Puddletown Preview

AFTER having no fixture last weekend, Puddletown will look to eradicate memories of their 22-0 loss to Frome when they take on local-rivals Dorchester seconds in what looks set to be a very even contest.

Just three points separate the two sides, however when they last met back in December Dorchester came out on top winning 22-7.

Dorchester Preview

DORCHESTER themselves did not have a fixture last weekend. The second string will look to continue their rich vein of form, winning five from their last five outings.

Dorchester first XI travel to Wootton Bassett this weekend in the hope of building on their last result. Dorch will take great confidence from the 27-5 victory back in December and many will expect a similar result.

TERRAS & MAGPIES REPORTS

Strugglers hit four past woeful Magpies

Dorchester Town 0 Staines Town 4
BLUE SQUARE SOUTH – ATT: 487
(Saturday, March 30th)

DORCHESTER Town were swept aside by Staines Town at The Avenue on Saturday as the relegation threatened visitors turned the formbook upside down.

Magpies' manager Phil Simkin kept faith with the side that beat Farnborough Town on Tuesday except in goal where Jason Matthews returned after injury.

This meant debutant Steve Walker kept his place in the centre of defence with Aaron Pugh, returning after suspension, having to warm the subs' bench.

However the plan backfired as the Swans outmuscled their hosts with captain David Wheeler dictating the play.

There was more misery for Simkin however as he lost both Tom Nichols and Ben Watson to injury and had skipper Mark Jermyn sent-off in the second-half.

Keiffer Moore looking for games to get his fitness back after a long injury was well policed by Jerel Ifil but did manage to shake him off twice early on but his efforts failed to really test 'keeper Jack Turner.

As on Tuesday neither side could settle in the first 15 minutes but slowly Staines began to take control, and midway through the half striker Tyrone Marsh had the home defence caused chaos inside the penalty area before the ball was hacked away.

Soon after Walker should have scored with the Magpies best chance of the afternoon but he put a free header from Neil Martin's cross well wide.

However the pressure was building on the home defence and Jermyn was booked for a rash challenge on Marsh right on the line of the penalty area near the left angle on 34 minutes, and he made him pay for the mistake by curling the free-kick beyond Matthews into the far corner with the aid of a slight deflection off a defender's head.

Dorchester, on the ropes needed to reach half-time in order to regroup, but Wheeler dashed their hopes with two pieces of magic either side on the break.

With a minute to half-time he was allowed to run 30 yards holding off challenges from Martin and Walker to slot the ball back across Matthews into the corner of the net.

Pugh replaced Harry Bell at the start of

the second half, but within two minutes the game was over when Wheeler was once again allowed to run at the home defence before feeding the unmarked Louis-Rae Beadle, who had time to pick his spot and curl his shot around Matthews.

The county town 'keeper then had to race from goal to save at Marsh's feet after Wheeler had threaded another exquisite pass through an overworked defence.

Things went from bad to worse just after the hour when Wheeler slipped Pugh wide on the right and as he raced towards goal was brought to the ground with a crashing tackle from Jermyn that brought a second yellow and subsequent red card.

Dorchester's best second-half effort came from Nick Crittenden but his 25-yard shot was easily held by Turner above his head.

Staines were now well in control and with the extra man made a number of good chances before substitute Dan Brown hit the top of the crossbar with a header from Max Worsfold's corner. Beadle returned the compliment by providing Wheeler with a chance but the former Brighton player drove his shot beyond the far post.

To rub salt into the wound Brown added a fourth in the last minute of normal time after Wheeler once again provided the pass to leave Matthews facing Brown and Beadle. He blocked the former's first shot, but the ball rebounded kindly for Brown to drive it home and complete a miserable afternoon for the Magpies.

Simkin said after: "My decision to stay with the same side as Tuesday unfortunately was wrong. I did what everyone considers to be the right decision after a performance like that; I didn't start certain players and it blew up in my face. At least I have learned a few things from the game."

"If you were a neutral watching you would have to agree they were stronger and wanted it more than us, and on the day I can't argue with that."

"The senior players made poor decisions at crucial times, and that was disappointing, and anyone that thinks we don't miss Ashley Nicholls only has to look at today's game."

It is possible Simkin will be without Watson (reoccurrence of calf strain) and

Nichols (dead leg) for Monday's trip to Eastleigh.

Dorchester Town 2 Farnborough 0
BLUE SQUARE SOUTH – ATT: 244
(Tuesday, March 26th)

A TOM Nichols strike midway through the first-half set Dorchester Town on their way to victory that moved them move back in contention for a play-off place.

Already missing his three central defenders through suspension, manager Phil Simkin was also without injured keeper Jason Matthews and midfield maestro Ashley Nicholls who was confined to bed with flu.

Alan Walker-Harris answered the county town bosses SOS to replace Matthews, whilst Steve Walker was drafted in for his debut alongside skipper Mark Jermyn in the centre of the defence. In midfield Lewis Morgan partnered Jamie Gleeson, playing his 300th game for the Magpies.

Farnborough started the better with Daniel Bennett and Dave Tarpey putting the home defence under pressure.

The Magpies were almost caught out in the second minute when a deep cross from the left found Tarpey six yards from goal, but fortunately Jake Smeeton got his body in front of the striker before he could shoot.

Keiffer Moore who has finally recovered from a thigh injury sustained five weeks ago, then saw his shot blocked by Alan Inns after being fed by Harry Bell before the Magpies took the lead on 22 minutes.

A good crossfield move saw Martin cross low to Nichols who fired just inside Craig Bradshaw's right hand post for his first goal in his second game since arriving from Exeter City for a second loan period.

The goal gave Dorchester the impetus to pick up their game and the small crowd who turned out on a cold night, were rewarded with some entertaining play as both sides looked to attack.

However, chances were few and far between, although Farnborough almost equalised on 39 minutes when Bennett's defence splitting ball found Tarpey who had got beyond Smeeton, but Harris-Walker was alert and saved his shot well with his feet.

Then on the cusp of half-time Dorchester doubled their lead.

Steve Laidler's tackle on Martin seemed

a routine shoulder to shoulder clash but referee Stephen Daly not only penalised him but also booked him.

The resultant free-kick found Walker, and although he didn't make good contact with the ball, his header bobbed just inside the post as Bradshaw scrambled to get to it as Moore moved in.

Gleeson almost celebrated his momentous evening with a goal eight minutes into the second-half.

Another flowing move saw Nichols lay the ball across to Gleeson 20 yards out who hit a thumping drive which brought a wonderful reaction from Bradshaw to tip the shot over the bar.

From Martin's resultant corner, an unmarked Jermyn headed wide.

Tarpey who had a fine game, then blotted his copybook by being booked for diving following a challenge from Jermyn inside the box.

Inns followed his colleague for protest-ing at the decision.

Dorchester began to take charge in the latter stages and Nichols was unlucky when the ball bobbed just as he was about to shoot having been set up by Martin who cut the ball back after cutting along the byeline.

Then Morgan failed to get a clean shot in after a goalmouth melee and the ball dribbled wide of the post.

Nichols should then have added a third in added time with a free header from another Martin cross but he directed it straight at Bradshaw.

Simkin was understandably delighted with his side's victory.

"Farnborough are a very good side with some excellent players so I wasn't quite sure how it was going to go."

"However Steve Walker was absolutely outstanding considering he has never played higher than Wessex Premier League standard before, and there is always a goal in Tom Nichols."

"In fact there were a lot of really good performance out there and it is hard to pick out anybody for man of the match."

"Jake Smeeton, who never gets any credit, was excellent and Harry Bell quietly got on with his job, whilst that was vintage Nick Crittenden out there. Fair play to Alan Walker-Harris also, for stepping in."

"He made a decent save with his legs just before half-time that made a massive

difference.

"Lewis Morgan and Jamie Gleeson ran the game despite Farnborough having three in midfield for over an hour."

"You're always going to miss a player of Ashley Nicholls quality, but Gles on his 300th game took on his mantle, came into his own and ran the game."

"It was a very pleasing performance from everyone on the pitch. Jem held us together in the first 20 minutes and gradually we got our shape."

"It wasn't pretty but we stayed in the game and slowly took it over. They couldn't match our work rate; and although our players have their faults, they never know when they are beaten."

Magpies shot down by Spitfires

Eastleigh 3 Dorchester Town 1
BLUE SQUARE SOUTH – ATT: 524
(Monday, April 1st)

DORCHESTER Town failed to shake off the defeat by Staines on Saturday, and succumbed to three goals in a ten-minute spell either side of half-time at Silverlake on Monday.

Manager Phil Simkin did ring the changes with Charlie Clough back after suspension and Aaron Pugh starting the game, but they were went down to a defeat that sees their play-off hopes virtually ended.

Both side's had chances in the first-half, but it was a mistake by Neil Martin, who has been in sparkling for this season, that saw them go behind five minutes before the break.

His intended header back to 'keeper Jason Matthews lacked power and Jai Reason nipped into to leave the Magpies' keeper stranded.

Glenn Southam doubled their lead on the stroke of half-time when he outpaced the Magpies' defence in a chase for long kick from 'keeper Ross Fitney.

Calvin Brooks replaced Pugh at the break and he gave the Magpies hope when he headed home Sam Malsom's corner three minutes after the restart.

But the Spitfires regained their two goal advantage two minutes later when Chris Zebrowski headed home, and they might have had more as the game progressed as they controlled the game.

WEYMOUTH RFC - YOUTH SECTION

Deserved plate victory for U14s

Weymouth 46 Oakmedians 12

A LARGE crowd braved the cold to see the Weymouth U14s turn in their best all round performance of the season and win the Dorset Plate final in style.

Oakmedians are a well-drilled side, particularly in the forwards, who have put in some excellent performances this season.

Having beaten the Seasiders 29-19 in their last meeting, Weymouth were well aware that they needed to be on top of their game if they were to stand any chance of winning some silverware.

They did not disappoint. Although the visitors looked strong in the first five minutes they were not allowed to settle and the Weymouth forwards cleared out the rucks quickly and efficiently, to provide their backs with an unprecedented amount of clean ball through the half back duo Will Stone and Morgan Wyatt.

The home pack also dominated at the scrums winning plenty of ball against the head.

Weymouth's support play and continuity, partic-

ularly that of the forwards, was impressive with all eight forwards picking up and driving forward at every opportunity.

It was great to see all of the players, particularly the front and second row forwards, running with the ball in hand with several support runners in attendance.

eight tries

Weymouth played simple running rugby and scored eight well-worked tries; five for the wingers, Macaulay Quinn (4) and Cameron Thomson, two for full-back James Davis and one for the outside centre George Simpson.

It was a physical but good-tempered game that unfortunately saw key players from both sides being replaced due to injury.

Weymouth inside centre Rory Legg was replaced by open side flanker and man-of-the-match, Troy Brocklebank.

He continued where Legg left off and caused the visitors real problems in the middle of the park in addition to making numerous try-saving tackles.



■ BINGO: Kate Taylor presents a cheque to members of Dorchester Town Football Club for £3,460, the proceeds of the Bingo sessions she has been holding throughout the year (l-r): Matt Lucas, Kate Taylor, Paul Harris and Adam Robertson.
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INSIDE: Magpies match reports

Gilday-Evans makes it a double

PRE-FIGHT predictions suggested a close rematch between Dorchester Boxing Club's Sol Gilday-Evans and Yeovil's Liam MacMenamy, and so it proved, with Gilday-Evans repeating his victory following a tough three rounds when the two met at the Lighthouse Leisure Centre, Poole recently.

A confident MacMenamy played to the crowd during the introduction, and came out fast from the bell; keen to establish himself as the genuine article.

However Gilday-Evans picked him off cleanly, refusing to let the Yeovil boxer get set up, his swaying and dodging leaving MacMenamy's shots falling short and allowing him to counter and land punches on the rebound.

Maintaining the pressure in the second, the Dorchester boxer moved up through the gears.

MacMenamy looked tired from missing

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shots but, having taken a good left he countered with a three-punch burst.

But the momentum quickly swung back when Gilday-Evans caught him square when he dropped his guard just before the bell.

Both boxers showed grit and determination in the third, putting every last ounce of energy into their work rate, but it was the Dorset boxer that got into a rhythm, which saw him win the judges verdict with a unanimous decision.

A victorious Gilday-Evans said afterwards: "Liam certainly looked confident; he'd done his homework and studied the DVD of our last bout.

"Whatever I set up he was there in my

face. I found this bout extremely hard.

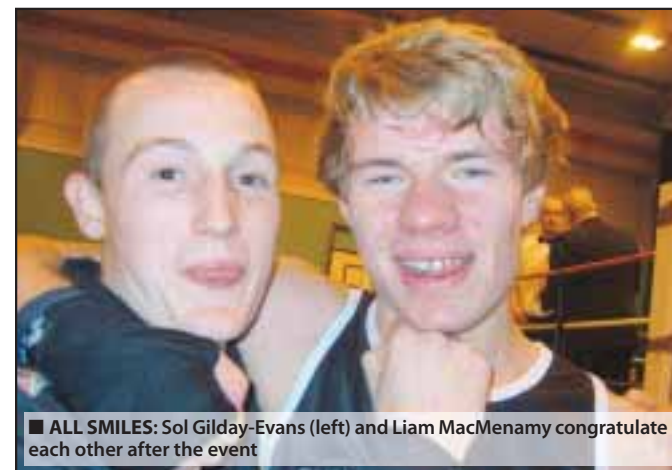
"That must have been one of my best performances to date; I've beaten him twice now."

Joe Malpas unfortunately had to retire in the first round of his bout against Bradley Axe from Yeovil after just 30 seconds when he sustained a shoulder injury.

Corner man Steve Turner aware of the problem instantly waved the bout off saying: "Joe could well have gone on and maybe pulled ahead, but I couldn't risk him jeopardising his chances in next week's championships."

Liam Legg is again heading for another hard bout by taking on the bigger Kieran Bailey at the Wessex Tournament this Friday.

Anyone interested in joining this fast expanding Club can phone Ben on 01305 832249.



■ ALL SMILES: Sol Gilday-Evans (left) and Liam MacMenamy congratulate each other after the event

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